Tihar inmates suffering from pschotic disorders

1630. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Tihar Jail inmates suffer from psychotic disorders;

(b) whether the hospital lacks in adequate number of well-trained psyhiatrists and social workers; and

(c) if so, the action plan of Government to stem the rise of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) 150 out of 12,376 inmates of Tihar Jail were reportedly suffering from various psychotic disorder including insomnia, depression, behavioural disorder, tension and poor impulse control as on 9th December, 2003.

(b) and (c) Facilities provided by the Government in the Tihar Jail Hospital for treatment of the inmates suffering from psychotic disorder include services of one Junior Specialist (Psychiatrist), one Senior Resident (Psychiatrist) and one visiting Psychiatrist supported by para-medical staff; one Psychiatry Ward with 35 beds; all emergency services; and availability of essential anti-psychotic medicines.

Collaboration with Swiss Confederations for disaster management

1631. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have entered into an agreement with Swiss Confederation for co-operation and collaboration for disaster management; and

(b) if so, the terms of the agreement and what infrastructure has been created or arrangements made to secure effective and timely co-operation and collaboration from Swiss Confederation in fighting any disasters, natural or otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The

agreement, *inter alia*, provides for cooperation and assistance in enhancement of early warking system, enhancement of capacity building in search and rescue, preparedness for response; human resource development, facilitation of deployment of search and rescue teams, permission for overflight/landing communication systems, and rapid customs clearance for the search and rescue teams in the event of a disaster.

Recruitment of youths for terrorist acts

1632. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about a number of Jehadi outfits, like Hizb-e-Islami and Al-Badra operating in border districts of Jammu and Kashmir and recruiting not only the male youth but also females and grown-up people to take up Fidayeen activities;

(b) if so, the number of such outfits and the names and other details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to round up such militant outfits to prevent their activities and uproot and training camps and liquidate their operation centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As informed by the State Government of J and K there have been reports of attempts by terrorist outfits through their overground support network in the State to lure unemployed gullible youth to join the terrorist group for their so called Jehadi movement. Allurements by way of monetary assistance have reportedly played a major role in recruiting the youth into terrorist fold.

(c) The State Government has reported that action, under the law, against all those overgound supporters found abetting terrorism is regularly being taken through the concerted efforts of security forces and intelligence agencies. A number of local youths were also rescued by the security forces this year from the clutches of terrorists.